

AT A MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ON JANUARY 9, 2008 IN THE BOARD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

Call To Order:

Mr. Miller, Chair called the meeting to order and William Seitz, Secretary, established the presence of a quorum.

Present: Robert Miller, Chair
 Walt Haynes, Vice Chair
 William Seitz, Secretary
 Steve Howard, Member
 Steve Cochran, Member
 David Moore, Member
 Bryan Rice, Member
 Malvin Wells, Member
 Mary Biggs, Board of Supervisors Liaison
 Steven Sandy, Planning Director
 Dari Jenkins, Planning & Zoning Administrator
 Meghan Dorsett, Comprehensive Planner
 Brea Hopkins, Zoning Technician

Absent: Frank Lau, Member

Resolution Of Appreciation For Tunstall Powers

Mr. Miller presented the following resolution of appreciation to Joe Powers:

WHEREAS, Tunstall “Joe” Powers has provided dedicated and distinguished service to the people of Montgomery County while serving as Planning Director for nearly thirty-one (31) years from January 19, 1977 to December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Joe Powers has used his professional skills and administrative abilities on numerous issues to help shape Montgomery County and serve the citizens of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Over the past three decades, Joe Powers has helped to guide the orderly development of the County during periods spanning years of rapid economic growth as well as recession; and

WHEREAS, Over the past three decades, Joe Powers has served on numerous committees and boards to foster cooperation between the County and the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, Virginia Tech, the New River Valley Planning District Commission (PDC), Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and numerous local, State and Federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, Under the planning leadership of Joe Powers, Montgomery County has revised its zoning ordinance, updated the County’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan in 1977, 1983, 1990 and 2004, including the designation of six Villages and their associated land use plans; and

WHEREAS, Under the planning leadership of Joe Powers, Montgomery County has initiated a Geographic Information System (GIS), completed the Huckleberry Trail, created a Coal Miner’s

Heritage Park, renovated the former social services building for the Free Clinic of the New River Valley, developed the Village Transportation Links Initiative, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership and vision of Joe Powers, Montgomery County implemented a land development management system that integrates planning, zoning, code compliance, subdivision and building permits into a cost efficient system for the benefit of our citizens, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Planning Commission, on behalf of the entire citizenship, extends a unanimous vote of appreciation and gratitude to Tunstall “Joe” Powers for his professional accomplishments and outstanding public service and dedication in nearly thirty-one years of service to the people of Montgomery County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the original of this resolution be presented to Tunstall “Joe” Powers and that a copy be a part of the official minutes of the Planning Commission of Montgomery County.

Public Address:

None

Approval Of Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cochran and unanimously carried the consent agenda was approved as presented.

Public Hearing:

An ordinance amending Chapter 10 entitled zoning sections 10-27 of the code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia by adding “country inn” as a use permitted by special use permit in the Residential Multi-Family (RM-1) zoning district.

Mr. Miller introduced the request.

Ms. Jenkins stated the ordinance amendment would add “Country Inn” as a use permitted by special use permit in the Residential Multi-Family (RM-1) zoning district. A country inn as defined allows restaurant service to both guests and the outside public. This type of use could be an asset to the village areas. By requiring the use to be allowed by special use permit, the Planning Commission would be able to review the requests and determine if the use is appropriate for the proposed location.

Mr. Miller opened public hearing; however, there being no speakers the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Rice and carried by a unanimous vote the planning commission recommended approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 10 entitled zoning sections 10-27 of the code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia by adding “country inn” as a use permitted by special use permit in the Residential Multi-Family (RM-1) zoning district.

New Business:

Discussion of 2008 Work Program

Mr. Sandy reviewed the 2008 Work Program. The major project to be completed in the upcoming year is the Comprehensive Plan Implementation. Another item that may be added to the work program is a

Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) ordinance. Other items that will be worked on in the upcoming year are Land Development Office implementation, Village Area Plans for storm water management, Geographic Information Systems, Proactive Flood Prevention Program, US Census 2010, and ongoing projects.

Mr. Seitz asked if deadlines could be placed for some of the projects to serve as a better guide.

Mr. Miller noted some of the projects were dependent upon other agencies.

Mr. Sandy stated the comprehensive plan implementation items could be guided by the planning commission.

Mr. Rice asked how the plan could be used to prioritize some existing issues within the villages.

Mr. Sandy stated that meetings had been scheduled with VDOT and the NRV Planning District Commission to discuss those types of issues and how they relate to the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Miller stated that one of the other issues to be reviewed by the Planning Commission is the possible amendment to the by-laws.

Liaison Appointments

Mr. Miller made the following appointments:

- Blacksburg Planning Commission – Walt Haynes
- Christiansburg Planning Commission – Bryan Rice
- Economic Development Committee- David Moore
- Public Service Authority – Malvin Wells
- Parks & Recreation- Steve Howard
- Radford Planning Commission- Steve Cochran
- School Board- Bill Seitz
- Transportation Safety Committee- Malvin Wells

Work Session:

On a motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Cochran and unanimously carried the Planning Commission entered into worksession.

Comprehensive Plan Implementation discussion

Mr. Sandy presented a draft of the implementation progress report. A more detailed discussion has been planned for the January 16, 2008 meeting. The report lists the department responsible for completing each of the items on the implementation process.

Ms. Dorsett noted that some chapters were not included due to an ongoing process with other departments.

On a motion by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Howard and unanimously carried the Planning Commission closed the worksession.

The Planning Commission stated they would like to thank Mr. Sandy and the planning staff. The staff is outstanding in the service that they provide. They also stated they would like to extend their appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for their support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.